

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

General Communication, Inc. and GCI  
Communication Corp.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The  
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To  
Discontinue the Provision of Service

File No.

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF GCI**

General Communication, Inc. and GCI Communication Corp. (collectively, “GCI”) hereby apply for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (the “Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering its Mobilize service.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules, GCI is providing the following information:

**Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):**

General Communication, Inc.  
2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

GCI Communication Corp.  
2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):**

GCI plans to discontinue offering this service to its customers on or after September 1, 2017, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):**

GCI will discontinue offering this service in the state of Alaska. GCI does not offer the service elsewhere.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):**

GCI is discontinuing the offering of the Mobilize Home Phone Service, a commercial mobile radio service that allowed customers the ability to use their home cordless phone system via a Mobile Home Phone 2G-only device to connect to GCI's wireless network.

GCI is discontinuing the offering of this service due to the winding down of its 2G wireless network, which is necessary to the functioning of the Mobilize Home Phone Service. In doing so, GCI will be able utilize its wireless spectrum in a more efficient manner in order to provide more robust service offerings to consumers, including 4G LTE services.

**Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):**

On June 30, 2017, GCI sent the attached notification to its remaining Mobilize customers (*see* Attachment A). These notifications include several alternative services that customers may use to replace the Mobilize service offering, including Digital Local Phone Service (where available), GCI Wireless Phone Service, and Stand-Alone Voicemail. GCI has also offered to assist these customers to help them evaluate their options. Copies of this Application are being sent to relevant parties via first class U.S. mail pursuant to Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):**

GCI is a non-dominant provider with respect to the service to be discontinued.

Questions about this Application may be address to Tim Stelzig, General  
Communication, Inc., 1900 L Street, NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 503-2851.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the  
discontinuance of the offering of Mobilize Home Phone Service. GCI respectfully requests that  
the Commission approved its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the offering of the service  
option discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tim Stelzig  
General Communication, Inc.  
1900 L Street, NW Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20036

July 11, 2017

## **ATTACHMENT A**



## **Notice of Discontinuance of GCI's Mobilize Home Phone Service**

<<Customer Name>>

Technology is always changing; GCI works hard to make sure our customers stay on the cutting edge of technology upgrades – whether that's building Alaska's largest wireless network or delivering broadband Internet services to 72 rural Alaska communities through GCI's award-winning TERRA network.

Sometimes these upgrades require us to retire devices and services in order to take advantage of the latest technology. These upgrades mean on or after September 1, 2017, subject to approval from the FCC, GCI will no longer offer Mobilize Home Phone Service.

We encourage you to consider alternative services now. GCI offers a number of alternative services including the following:

- Digital Local Phone Service (where available)
- GCI Wireless Phone Service
- Stand-Alone Voicemail

We know this may be an inconvenience. Our experienced local team is here to help you choose a new way to receive your Home Phone Service. Please call us at 1-844-530-3008.

Again, thank you for choosing GCI.

### **GCI Customer Service**

FCC Required Notice: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of General Communication, Inc.; and GCI Communication, Corp. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the FCC's rules require GCI to provide the following information: Name and Address of Carriers that will be ceasing to offer Mobilize Home Phone Service: General Communication, Inc. and GCI Communication Corp. 2550 Denali St Ste 1,000 Anchorage, AK 99503

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 11, 2017, I caused the foregoing Discontinuance of Service Application to be sent by U.S. Mail to the following parties:

Secretary of Defense  
ATTN: Special Assistant for  
Telecommunications  
Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

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